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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

*B 1450*  
1. (Amended) A portable electronic apparatus including a display and allowing a user of

said portable electronic apparatus to select a function, comprising:

a plurality of keys associated one-to-one with a plurality of guide areas included in said display; and

control means for displaying, in each operation step, particular operation items which can be selected by the user in said plurality of guide areas, and executing, when any one of said plurality of keys is pressed, processing relating to one of said operation items appearing in one of said plurality of guide areas associated with the key pressed,